

REMARKS

Claims 11-20, 32, 34, 36-39, 51, 53 and 55-57 are pending in the present application.

In the above amendments, claims 1-6, 8-10, 31, 50, and 58 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 11-20 and 57 have been amended to correct for various minor informalities. The remaining canceled claims were canceled in previous amendments.

Claim Objections

Claims 11-20, 31, 50, 51, 53, 55-58 are objected to for various reasons.

Claims 31, 50, and 58 have been canceled thereby rendering these objections moot.

As for the remaining claims, claim 11 has been amended by changing “apparatus” to “system” and “noting” to “note,” per the examiner’s helpful suggestions and the dependent claims 12-20 have been likewise amended by changing “apparatus” to “system.” The examiner also objected to the use of the language “configured to” in many of the above identified claims with claim 11 being representative of this class of objections and essentially suggested that the term “configured” be deleted. It is respectfully submitted that the language “configured to” is a commonly used phrase for the purpose of drafting “apparatus” claims and therefore, the applicant respectfully requests that this class of objections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 31 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 31 and 50 have been canceled thereby rendering these rejections moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 have been canceled thereby rendering these rejections moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-16, 18-20, 32, 34, 36-39, 51, 53, and 55-57 are allowed.

Applicant thanks the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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